

No. 0264 號四十六百二千六第 日壹念月壹十年丁未光 HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 1877. 二拜禮 號五十二月二十英 港香 [PRICE \$2} PER MONTH.

INTIMATIONS.

THE CONCERT OF THE SEASON
 on MONDAY, the 7th January
 at 8 o'clock, at which will be devoted
 to "Relieving the FAMINE in
 CHINA."
 18th December, 1877. [1878
 FOR AMOT
 manship
 "CEMETERIA DA"
 dispatched for the above Port TO
 the 26th instant, at Noon.
 at or Passage, apply to
 P. V. SHAW.
 24th December, 1877. [1878
 MONTHLY LINE.
 AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVI-
 GATION COMPANY.
 MELBORNE AND SYDNEY, taking Cargo and
 Passengers for ALL AUSTRALIAN and
 NEW ZEALAND Ports, and the
 Company's Chartered Steamers
 "OCEAN,"
 Commanded, will load for the
 above Ports, on TUESDAY
 with instant, at Noon, instead of
 as advertised.
 at or Passage, apply to
 J. B. HURD & Co.
 24th December 1877. [1878
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ated as above on SATURDAY
 29th instant, at Noon.
 At or Passage, apply to
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 25th December, 1877. [1877]

APORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY
 AND MELBOURNE,
 the usual Coast Ports, and taking
 Cargo and Passengers for New
 ZEALAND,
 and Australian Mail Steamer
 "BRISBANE"
 immediate despatch as above.
 At or Passage, apply to
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI,
and Passengers at through rate
and Ports on the YANGTZE
Company's Steamship
"ACHILLES"
started on or about the 2nd January
for Passage apply to
H. E. D. & SWIRE, Agents,
G. 25th December, 1877. [1878]
DENTAL NOTICE.
OUT expects to LEAVE Hongkong
PERMANENTLY about the 25th
1878.
G. 25th December, 1877. " [1878]
THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

GEORGE GRAHAM, a BANKRUPT.

It is hereby given that a Meeting of the Creditors of the said GEORGE GRAHAM will be held pursuant to the 15th of the Bankruptcy Ordinance in Court Room No. 1, on THURSDAY, 10th January, 1878, at 11 o'clock in forenoon, the Honourable CHAIRMAN, Registrar of the Supreme Court, appointed by the Court sitting in Bankruptcy, to preside.

Credits will be received, and Credits not proved, or who shall not be so proved, he excluded from the benefit of the said Act may be declared, and all Claims will be disallowed.

1878, 10th January, 1878.

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.

THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

CORPATE JURISDICTION.

Deaths of LAM HEE, Deceased.
Deaths of ASHUEE, Deceased.
Deaths of ALEXANDER MURRAY,
ceased.
Deaths of HONG KEE LEE, Deceased,
ceased.
Deaths of ALBERTS MORRISON,
ceased.
Deaths of JOHN PHILLIPS DONALD,
Deceased.

It is hereby given, that, in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 11, of 1877, an Order has been made by the Honourable Mr. Justice ROBERTSON, Judge of the Supreme Court, that all Creditors and others to, send in to

3rd day of March, 1878, on or before which all Claims must be proved, others not to be included in the Scheme.

Persons indebted to the said Estates are hereby notified to make immediate payment to the Administrator.

C. B. PLUNK
Registrar

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

AGENTS OF OPTIONAL CARRIAGES.
S. B. CO.'S Str. "PATROCLUS"
FROM LIVERPOOL.

Shipping Orders must be obtained from the undersigned not later than the 24th of March, 1878, for shipment per Steamship "PATROCLUS."

AGENTS, J. W. SWIRE, Agent,
No. 25th March, 1877. [Faint]

THE SHIP "FALCON,"
LONDON.

AGENTS OF Cargo by the above Vessel.
Persons desiring to send in their cargoes are requested to send in their bills of lading to the undersigned for Consignment, to take immediate delivery of or to receive the discharge of the Vessel and stored at Consignees' Warehouse.

AGENTS, KARBURG & CO.,
Agents.
24th December, 1877. [Faint]

AGENTS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

ted to send in their Bills of Lading
 designed for counter signature,
 diate delivery. This Cargo has
 stored at their risk and expense.
 Insurance has been effected.
 H. DU ROUEY, Agent
 Ex "DURNAN."
 Nos. 17 }
 Mr. G. W. Scott } 7 cases Wine,
 "Lapping" } Marseilles
 Valley, Formosa, 1 case Effects,
 1 case.
 Ex "INNOUDDY"
 (round), 1 case Woollen, from 1

Notes

SECRET

NOW PREPARING FOR PUBLICATION.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

For 1878.

This work, the ONLY one of the kind in China or Japan, is now in the SIXTEENTH YEAR of its existence, and will be published as soon as possible after the close of the current year.

It has been compiled from the MOST AUTHENTIC SOURCES, and no pains have been spared to render it THOROUGHLY RELIABLE both as a Directory and as a Work of Reference in Commercial Matters.

The Directory will, as usual, be published in Two Forms—Complete at \$5; or with the Lists of Residents, Port Directors, Maps, and Code of Signals, at \$3.

Orders for Copies should be forwarded Early to the Publisher, Daily Press Office, or to the following Agents—

Macao..... Mr. L. A. de Graça.
Siam..... Messrs. Campbell & Co.
Amoy..... Messrs. Wilson, Nichols & Co.
Poonah..... Messrs. Wilson, Nichols & Co.
Canton..... Messrs. Hodge & Co.
Ningbo..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Shanghai..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Tientsin..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Hankow..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
River Ports..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Cebu..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Manila..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Batavia..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Sourabaya..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Singapore..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
London..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
New York..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
San Francisco..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.
Hong Kong..... Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, S'gals.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that I have placed Mr. R. G. HATFIELD, WILSON, in charge of the Printing and Publishing Business carried on at the Daily Press Office from this date, and it is further notified that Mr. Wilson has entered into an agreement with me as LESSEE of this BUSINESS, to commence on the 1st January, 1878.

YORICK JAMES MURROW,
by his Attorneys,
Messrs. GUTHRIE & Co.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1877.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS, DISPENSERS, SUNDRIES, &c.

HAIRDRESSING WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED.

PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.

To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON & CO., or to HONGKONG DISPENSARY, 158.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and on business matters to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

At Hongkong, on the 24th December, the wife of Major S. G. HATFIELD, A.D.C., 80th Regiment, of a Son.

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LONDON, 22nd December.

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POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
For Swatow.—To-morrow, the 26th instant
at 7.30 A.M.
For Amoy.—Per *Benavinda*, to-morrow, the
26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Straits Settlements and London.—Per
Orestes, to-morrow, the 26th inst., at 3.30 P.M.
For Cookeown and Sydney.—Per *Osama*,
Thursday, the 27th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Straits Settlement.—On Thursday,
the 27th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKETS
The French Packet, "DJEANET" will be
despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY,
the 27th instant, with Mails to Batavia
through the United Kingdom and Barcelona.

6.00. **MAILS.** **WEDNESDAY.** New Zealand, Tasmania, St. John, Sydney, Melbourne, Mauritius, and other forwarding. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to East Africa. Letters may also be forwarded to India via this Packet.
 The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mail for the above destinations:
WEDNESDAY. 26th instant.
 5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the **NIROBI** Box, which remains open until midnight.
THURSDAY. 27th instant.
 11 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stationery and Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
 10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
 11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters to London.
 11 A.M. Letters (not Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cts extra postage, until
 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSSES finally.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKETS. **THURSDAY.** The English Contact Packet, **THEBERA**, will be leaving the Mombasa Branch Office, on **THURSDAY** the 3rd January.
 The following will be the hours of closing Mails, &c.:
WEDNESDAY. 2nd January.
 5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.
 6 P.M. Post Office closes except the **NIROBI** Box, which remains open until night.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of State
Registry of Letters and Posting of all cor-
respondence.

10.15 A.M. Post Office closes except for Let-
ters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted on payment
of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra. Postage, until
11 A.M., when the Post Office Closes and
11.30 A.M.; Letters (and Letters only) addre-
ssed to the United Kingdom *ad Brundis*, or
Singapore, may be posted on board the Pu-
lbury at 11.30 A.M. Extra postage.
1.15 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
PACKET.**

The United States' Mail Packet, "GAZEL"
will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st
January, with Mails for Europe, San Fran-
cisco, and the United States, which will be CLOS-
ed as follows :-

11 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 A.M. Post Office closes.

12.45 P.M. Post Offices for Japan, the U-
nited States, or Union Countries only to be
closed on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18
cents extra. Postage, until 1.15 P.M.

The following rates of Postage must be
paid in Hongkong Stamps. Proportions is
primary in the cases marked *

LETTERS BY POSTAGE

CENT.	CENTS.
United States, Canada*, Yn-	
cover and Pr. Edwards's Is.*	
New Brunswick*, Nova Sco-	
tia*, Bermuda, Barbadoes,	
Curacao, French, Spanish, and	
Dutch West Indies, Guiana,	
Jamaica, Sanbaron, Trinidad	
(Quebec), St. Croix, St. John,	19 - 4
Aspinwall, Panama,* Mexico,	* 18 - 4
Bahamas, Danish West Indies.	
Egypt	14 - 4
United Kingdom*	20 - 4
Martinique*	20 - 4

Newfoundland (Registration 12-
Confs) 16 4
Pern. B. W. China (Registration 12-
Confs) 30 0
West Indies (except as named
above), Costa Rica, Honduras,
New Granada, Nicaragua,
United States (Registration 12-
Confs) 30 0
Any articles found enclosed in News-
papers or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery
or the like) will be confiscated.

COMMUNICATION WITH BATAVIA.
The Netherlands India Packets leave Sin-
gapore fortnightly and are fitted to the use
of the outward P. & O. Mail from Europe.
The French Packets for Batavia via
Singapore for the Packet from China in
the month of May.

It follows that, in forward Correspondence
to Batavia with the least delay, the following
are the best opportunities to be taken.

In the S. W. Monsoon The English Mail.
The French Mail.
In the N. E. Monsoon,
A. Private Stomper four days before
the English Mail.
The French Mail.

To provide means of retaining stamps on the covers of letters sent to the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmaster and Agents of this Office will in future (but not required) to purchase Hong Kong Postage Stamps from foreign residents. It is necessary that the stamps should be of the King and Yokohama however in other days Money-orders must be used.

The Stamps tendered for sale must be of good quality and in perfectly clean and good condition, and in strips of at least 100; separate Stamps will be purchased, and must be presented personally or accompanied by a receipt.

Letters containing Stamps should be sorted, and the Stamps should be secured by observation.

The Postmaster or Agent may postpone the sale of the public trade, in case insufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in case which appears doubtful or suspicious. It is allowed to charge a Commission of one cent, on all Stamps purchased.

Most countries to which Hong Kong Correspondence having passed to the Postal Union or being previously about to be sent, that the following rates are strictly observed.

1.—No Letter or Packet, whether to be forwarded or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver or jewels, or any other article, that, as a gem, is liable to Customs duties.

2.—This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of printed articles, unless the same are so small as to make the sample of no value.

3.—The limits of weight to be given are as follows—

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To British Offices.

EXEMPTIONS.—5lb., if without intrinsic value.

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent.

2b. **EXEMPTIONS.**—5-6oz.

The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all.—Guns, Ammunition, Dynamite, Matches, Candles, Soap, India-Rubber-stamps whatever is dangerous to the Mail or offensive or injurious to persons or things with them.

It is hereby notified that

The public is reminded that, in China and Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by parcels sent by the ordinary mode of forwarding through the Post. For a Parcel Agent

Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents continually being refused, the senders have often spent more in Postage than would have been paid the freight by steamer. No refund made on such parcels of the value of \$500 obliterated before the nature of the contents are discovered.

PATTERNS.

Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining general understanding of what is a *Pattern*,—a *long-side* sample of goods which the seller has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic

